GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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. SUPPLY OF ADDITIONAL NATURAL GAS TO ANDHRA PRADESH PLANTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present position with regard to approve a State-wise gas pipeline network which enables the AP State Government to reap all the benefits from the discoveries close to State boundaries as proposed by KGGNL (Krishna, Godavari Gas Network Ltd.);

(b) whether State Government of Andhra Pradesh has recently demanded for half share of Natural Gas in KG basin free of cost;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government have accepted the proposal; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government on the State Government of Andhra Pradesh proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) Kakinada-Hyderabad-Uran-Ahmedabad Pipeline with a length of 1385 km is being laid by M/s Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure, passing inter alia through 563 km in 7 districts in Andhra Pradesh. Government has issued authorizations to Vijayawada-Nellore-Chennai pipeline and Kakinada-Basudebpur-Howrah pipeline passing through Andhra Pradesh. Krishna Godavari Gas Network Limited (KGGNL)'s application for grant of authorization for laying, building and operating common carrier natural gas pipelines in the state of Andhra Pradesh has been forwarded to Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) for consideration, since the provisions of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 (except Section 16) have been made effective from 01.10.2007.

(b) & (c): The Legislative Council of Andhra Pradesh has adopted a resolution urging the Government of India to allocate 50% of the profit gas of KG basin to Andhra Pradesh free of cost. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent the resolution to Government of India, for it to take appropriate action in the matter.

(d) & (e): The natural gas produced in KG basin is intended to be supplied to consumers in various parts of the country, including Andhra Pradesh.